

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
July 28, 2010
IndyGo Administrative Offices
1501 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Members Present:

Sue Ritz
Bill Kirchoff
Gil Holmes
Chuck Fewell
Christine Altman
Mike Terry
Jerry Bridges
Marta Moody
David George
Mike Hale
Ben Ledo

Members Absent:

Linda Sanders
Ron Deer
Don Adams
Bob Sterrett
Larry Hesson
Rob Thoman

Staff:

Ehren T. Bingaman
Christy Campoll

Public Present & Signed In:

Laura Brown
Ryan Hoff
Tom Sturmer

David Littlejohn
Michael Wendt
Joanna Hamilton
Becky Allen
Anna Tyszkiewicz
Sean White
John Thomas
Steve DeVoe
David Littlejohn
Rhonda Klopfenstein
Kim Irwin
Matt Hammons
Kathy Davis
Cathy Morton
Jarvis Jointer

A quorum was recognized by the Chair and the meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

E. Bingaman introduced new CIRTA staff member Christy Campoll who started in the Program Liaison position on June 1, 2010.

The minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting were presented for consideration. *M. Terry moved to adopt the minutes as submitted, C. Fewell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

B. Kirchoff and E. Bingaman presented the statement of financial activities for January 1 through June 30, 2010. It was discussed that the board may need to consider moving funds from one line in character 030 to another to accommodate for contracted services expenses. *C. Fewell moved to accept the statement the statement of activities, G. Holmes seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. C. Altman asked that the 3rd quarter report reflect in-kind and cash contributions more clearly.* B. Kirchoff and E. Bingaman presented a draft budget for 2011. C. Altman noted that the budget would be reduced if federal grants are not directed CIRTA due to its FTA designation status. M. Terry noted that because IndyGo's budget includes 5 months of funding from CMAQ for CICS, that the CIRTA budget should reflect the remaining 7 months rather than the full year. B. Kirchoff recommended waiting until August to adopt the full budget. C. Altman suggested that the board adopt the partner contribution amounts reflected in the revenue schedule because those would not be impacted by the federal grant adjustments. *B. Kirchoff moved to accept the 2011 partner county revenue amounts, J. Bridges seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

Under Old Business E. Bingaman and C. Campoll shared information about the Central Indiana Rural/On-Demand Transportation Study, which is now complete. RLS and Associates delivered printed copies of the Study and Executive Summary on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at a luncheon meeting attended by CIRTA staff and rural/on-demand transit service provider representatives. C. Campoll reported that she will meet with the staff, boards of directors and transportation advisory committees (TACs) of each of the service providers in the study over the coming months. The purpose of the meetings will be to identify strategies for implementing recommendations made in the study. C. Campoll stated that she will report on the implementation process on a monthly basis at future CIRTA board meetings. C. Fewell proposed that C. Campoll notify CIRTA board members whenever she makes plans to meet with service providers and TACs in the board members' counties. E. Bingaman presented the "County to County Transit Provider"

logo that was created to support the marketing efforts outlined in the Study. C. Altman stated that the logo should be displayed on transit service maps wherever two providers connect service. S. Ritz proposed that the board formally accept the recommendations of the Study. B. Kirchoff stated that he would like to read the final report before formally accepting the recommendations. The board agreed to consider formal acceptance of the Study recommendations at the August board meeting.

E. Bingaman updated the board on the effort to secure Federal Transit Administration (FTA) designation of CIRTAs as a recipient of federal funds. E. Bingaman reported that INDOT staff told him that they would send the letter requesting designation to the FTA on the condition that CIRTAs invite Monroe County to be represented on the CIRTAs board. C. Altman noted that Monroe County has sent individuals to observe CIRTAs meetings in the past and that Monroe County membership has been discussed on some occasions. E. Bingaman stated that INDOT's recommendation to invite Monroe County into CIRTAs could be motivated by a previous study affirming the feasibility of a commuter rail line running between Bloomington, Indianapolis and Muncie via Anderson. J. Bridges recommended that E. Bingaman contact the Bloomington Metropolitan Planning Organization, Monroe County Council and Bloomington Transit to discuss CIRTAs membership. *B. Kirchoff moved that E. Bingaman draft a letter inviting Monroe County to consider joining CIRTAs, D. George seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

E. Bingaman stated that he would address the third Old Business item, Indy Connect, in the Executive Director's Report.

There was no New Business to discuss.

E. Bingaman presented the Executive Director's Report. He reported that there have been over 90 Indy Connect public meetings and/or presentations since February 16 along with many festival booths. Several volunteers have joined the Indy Connect Speaker's Bureau in order to meet the demand for speaking engagements. The Indy Connect Minority Advisory Committee is meeting on a quarterly basis to plan outreach efforts to minority populations. The next meeting of this committee is in September. E. Bingaman also provided updates on the Organization and Operating Strategic Plan, ICE Express Bus routes and Central Indiana Commuter Services (CICS). He reported that a draft Organizational Study report is due to him this week and that he will present a final report with findings at the August board meeting. He continues to meet individually with board members to discuss the Organizational Study. E. Bingaman has been investigating potential funding sources to keep the IndyGo ICE routes in operation after the CMAQ demonstration grant concludes at the end of this year. He has identified JARC as a potential source of funds for 2011. This would require a 50-50 federal-local match. He is working with INDOT, Fishers and Carmel to identify local match possibilities. C. Campoll reported that she spoke with two commuter shuttle bus operators that began their services using CMAQ demonstration grants. Both services now rely partially or completely on employers of riders for funding. E. Bingaman reported on current CICS activities. He noted that the 2011 budget assumes CIRTAs as the direct administrator of CICS and that he is investigating the benefits of bidding out the service vs. bringing it in house.

M. Terry shared dates relevant to IndyGo's budget hearing process

G. Holmes moved to adjourn, B. Kirchoff seconded, the motion passed by consent.